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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - WALDHEIM AND CAMBODIAN

-- NEGOTIATIONS (S/S NO. 7504739)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BUFFUM AND HABIB

1. THE PROBLEM: YOU WILL RECALL THAT WHEN YOU SAW WALDHEIM LAST IN DECEMBER, HE INQUIRED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN CAMBODIA. YOU THEN ASKED HIM TO AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION UNTIL HE HEARD FROM YOU. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, WALDHEIM HAS NOT TAKEN ANY INITIATIVES WITH REGARD TO CAMBODIAN NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MEANTIME.

2. IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, AND THE PRECARIOUS PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER UNITED STATES AID TO THE GKR, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR US NOW TO SEEK THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA THUS ENCOURAGING HIM TO DO WHAT HE CAN TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. WHILE WALDHEIM IS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE ANY PARTICULARLY USEFUL OR CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS, WE

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BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE TO SEEK HIS VIEWS

AND TO PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN VIEW OF HIS SPECIFIC MANDATE BY THE UNGA. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH IN PART REQUESTS:

"THE SECRETARY-GENERAL , AFTER DUE CONSULTATION, TO LEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE TWO CONTENDING PARTIES CLAIMING LAWFUL RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA AND TO REPORT ON THE RESULTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION;"

3. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED LEST AT SOME ACTION TO GET CAMBODIAN NEGOTIATIONS GOING BECAUSE OF YOUR REQUEST THAT HE REFRAIN FROM DOING SO. IN ORDER TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN THIS REGARD AND TO SEEK HIS VIEWS, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIM:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL:

"BY NOW YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE RELEASED ON MARCH 5, AND WHICH HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO YOU SEPARATELY, GIVING A SUMMARY OF NEGOTIATING EFFORTS ON CAMBODIA WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN. AS WAS NOTED IN THAT STATEMENT, UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF THESE ATTEMPTS HAVE HAD ANY RESULTS. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA.

"I HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU SINCE DECEMBER ANY EFFORTS YOU MAY HAVE MADE WITH REGARD TO THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. I WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO FURTHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE LAST UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WHICH SOUGHT TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA.

"THE NEED FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT IS GREAT AND FOR ITS PART, THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT ANY NEGOTIATIONS
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THAT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AND WILL ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME FROM THESE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE PARTIES WILL ACCEPT.

"BEST REGARDS,

"HENRY A. KISSINGER"

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